IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

RESPONDENT

VS.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:05cv21-DCB-JCS CRIMINAL NO. 1:03cr13-DCB

MELVIN EUGENE WILLARD

PETITIONER

ORDER

This cause is before the Court <u>sua sponte</u>, pursuant to Rule 4(b) of the Rules Governing § 2255 Proceedings, and having reviewed the petitioner's motion, the Court finds that a response to the motion by the government is required. Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the United States Attorney shall file an answer to the petitioner's motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 to vacate, set aside or correct his sentence in criminal action no. 1:03cr13, within thirty (30) days from the date of entry of this Order.

SO ORDERED, this the 7th day of February, 2006.

s/David Bramlette
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE